

August 5, 2003

Facilities Management
Mr. Jeff Williams
1907 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: NE Branch Library – McCord House Renovation

Dear Mr. Williams;

In accordance with NFPA 101, 38.2.4.2 not less than two separate means of egress shall be provided on every story. Although this facility does meet the requirements of exception #1, the stair itself is nonconforming to the life safety code requirements for commercial use as stated within 7.2.2.2.2.

Curved stairs shall be permitted in a means of egress, provided the depth of tread is not less than 11" inches at a point from the narrower end of the tread and the smallest radius is not less than twice the stair width.

I recommend providing a secondary means of egress from the second floor which leads directly to the exterior of the building. With a secondary means of egress the existing interior stair may remain as is. Please note, any opening within 10' feet of the new stair shall be protected in an approved manner or removed.

If I can be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at 891-7179.

Sincerely,

Babette D. Barnes
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Sr. Plans Examiner
Tallahassee Fire Department

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